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## PETITION UNDER RULE 183 TO WAIVE A REQUIREMENT OF THE RULES

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

On November 14, 2005, applicant filed a Request for Continued Examination, together with a Request for a Limited Suspension of Action under 37 CFR § 1.103(c) and the proper fees. At the time of filing, applicant's attorney assumed that the Request for a Limited Suspension of Action under Rule 103(c) qualified as the requisite "submission" of 37 CFR § 1.114. That assumption was based, in part, on the language in 37 CFR § 1.114(c), which states that the "submission" includes, "but is not limited to", the documents recited in 37 CFR § 1.114(c).

Applicant's attorney recently became aware of § 709, I, B, 1. (Requirements) of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP), wherein it states that the "request for suspension cannot substitute for the submission". In view of the statement in the MPEP, applicant hereby files a "submission" and petitions the Patent & Trademark Office to retroactively waive the requirement of 37 CFR 1.114(a) that the submission be filed *with* the Request for Continued Examination. It is

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important to note that in this case, a submission is being filed herewith. Thus, the

only requirement that is requested to be waived is the *timing* of the submission.

Accordingly, since a submission is filed herewith, the applicant hereby

petitions the Patent Office to retroactively waive, in this case, the requirement that a

submission be filed with the Request for Continued Examination. The petition fee of

\$400 (37 CFR § 1.17(f)) is submitted concurrently herewith. Any deficiencies to the

fee may be charged to applicant's attorney's deposit account no. 02-4800. In the

event that there are any questions concerning this petition, please telephone the

undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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